

[1st March 1927]

to the deceased. Will he be pleased at least to state whether the compensation granted to the deceased was found adequate taking into consideration the loss incurred by the family in the death of that man?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" It was in that feeling that compensation was ordered."

Cultivable lands thrown out of cultivation in South Kanara, etc.

* 123 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Home Member, the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased—

(a) to place on the table of the House a statement showing the areas of cultivated lands thrown out of cultivation on account of the increase of malaria and wild beasts, etc., as a result of the rapid development of reserve forests in South Kanara, Malabar, Coimbatore and Nilgiris districts during the last twenty-five to fifty years; and

(b) to state what preventive steps Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no reason to think that any land has been thrown out of cultivation owing to the causes alleged. The area of cultivation has, on the other hand, largely increased.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to the answer to this question, may I ask the Government on what grounds they have given that answer?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" We have got facts and figures supporting the answer given. I will read out the figures for the information of this hon. House :—

| | Fasli. | Acres. |
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| The lands thrown open for cultivation in South Kanara in | 1314 | 738,732 |
| Do. do. ... | 1334 | 944,558 |
| The lands thrown open for cultivation in Malabar | 1304 | 943,424 |
| Do. do. ... | 1334 | 1,343,088 |
| a The lands thrown open for cultivation in Coimbatore | 1304 | 2,409,805 |
| Do. do. ... | 1334 | 2,307,555 |
| The lands thrown open for cultivation in the Nilgiris | 1304 | 1,999,058 |
| Do. do. ... | 1334 | 192,024 |

* The decrease of 102,250 acres is due to the transfer of Karur taluk to the Trichinopoly district in Fasli 1320.

From these figures it will be seen that the area under cultivation has largely increased."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" My question is not whether the area has increased. Naturally there must be some increase in the area under cultivation. My question is whether, on account of increase of forests, lands have been thrown out of cultivation in the Nilgiris, etc. That question has not been answered?"